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FROM BENEDICT AND JONES FOR PRESIDENT TOLL:

1. STONYBROOK GRADUATE STUDENTS CURRENTLY RECEIVE A STIPEND OF DOLS 3000 FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR. THE POLISH STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE A STIPEND OF DOLS 3150 PLUS A TUITION WAIVER EQUIVALENT TO DOLS 1500. THE POLISH STUDENTS WILL PAY FOR THEIR HOUSING ON CAMPUS FROM THEIR STIPEND AS DO THE US STUDENTS. THE HOUSING ON CAMPUS, WHICH IS ALSO SUBSIDIZED BY THE UNIVERSITY, WILL COST THE STUDENT DOLS 81 PER MONTH.

2. IF WROCLAW ADMINISTRATION INSISTS ON INCREASING STIPEND TO DOLS 367 PER MONTH OR HIGHER, THE SUNY STUDENT STIPENDS MUST BE INCREASED FROM ZLOTYS 2400 PER MONTH (DOLS 80 PER MONTH) TO AT LEAST ZLOTYS 5000 PER MONTH.

3. OUR AGREEMENT WAS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED BY DIRECTOR CICHOMSKI (MINISTRY HIGHER ED) IN DISCUSSIONS WITH PROF. CZERWINSKI ON APRIL 15, 1975. ALSO, VICE RECTOR KLIMOWICZ OF WROCLAW UNIV. AGREED TO THE STIPEND OF DOLS 350 PER MONTH IN  
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THE AGREEMENT AS PER LETTER TO PRES. TOLL, DTD. FEB 3, 1975.

4. BENEDICT IS FULLY INFORMED AND IN LIGHT OF THESE COMPLEXITIES SUGGESTS THAT PRES. TOLL DELAY FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS OR DISCUSSIONS UNTIL CZERWINSKI ARRIVES FRIDAY, JUNE 6.

5. WE HAVE LETTERS FROM THE POLISH STUDENTS WHO WERE HERE DURING PAST ACADEMIC YEAR. THEY SPEAK HIGHLY OF THE PROGRAM AND ENJOYED LIVING ON CAMPUS. THEY ALSO FOUND THAT THEIR STIPEND OF DOLS 325 PER MONTH (WHICH THEY RECEIVED IN 1974-75) WAS ADEQUATE FOR ALL THEIR NEEDS.

6. STIPEND FOR POLISH GRADUATE STUDENTS AT STONYBROOK AS PER AGREEMENT IS DOLS 350 PER MONTH (NOT DOLS 200 PER MONTH AS YOUR NOTE SUGGESTED) FOR NINE MONTHS. THERE IS ALSO A TUITION WAIVER, WHICH IS EQUIVALENT TO DOLS 1500 FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR FOR OUT OF STATE STUDENTS.

7. CHANCELLOR CHESTON INFORMS THAT THEIR STIPEND IS DOLS 367 PER MONTH, AND TUITION WAIVER EQUIVALENT TO DOLS 500. THEIR DOLS 150 PER MONTH HOUSING ALLOWANCE IS ADDED TO THE STIPEND BECAUSE THERE ARE NO FACILITIES OR CAMPUS TO HOUSE STUDENTS. THE POLISH STUDENTS WILL HAVE TO LIVE IN THE CITY AND THE COST OF THIS IS EXTREMELY HIGH. THE DOLS 150 PER MONTH IS SIMPLY TO ASSIST THESE STUDENTS WITH THE HOUSING PROBLEM. SUCH A PROBLEM WILL NOT OCCUR IN STONYBROOK OR OTHER SUNY CAMPUSES, SINCE DORMITORY SPACE WILL BE AVAILABLE.

8. THE NUMBER IN THE EXCHANGE PROGRAM ARE TO BE ARRANGED SEPARATELY EACH YEAR. FOR THE COMING YEAR WE ARE PREPARED TO ACCEPT 4 STUDENTS FROM WROCLAW, 4 STUDENTS FROM POZNAN, 1 FROM POLONIA AND THE EQUIVALENT OF 2 FROM MINISTRY OF CULTURE. THERE WILL BE 12 SUNY STUDENTS STAYING IN POLAND FOR THE COMING ACADEMIC YEAR. THIS REPRESENTS FOR THE COMING YEAR A RATIO OF 11 TO 12. WE ARE CURRENTLY MEETING IN ALBANY TO FINALIZE AN AGREEMENT WITH POZNAN SUCH THAT FOLLOWING YEAR WILL BE ABLE TO ACHIEVE THE EXCHANGE RATIO SUGGESTED WROCLAW. INGERSOLL

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